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In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2005, applicant elects the invention of Group I, with traverse, for further prosecution in the above-identified application. The Listing of Claims reflects Applicant's election; claims 1-14 remain pending and claims 15-25 are withdrawn in this application.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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